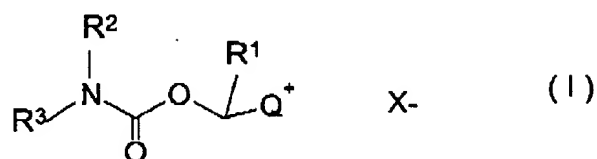


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Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I),



wherein

Q is a ~~3H-imidazole or 1,2,4-triazole derivative with antifungal activity~~ 3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-1-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)-butan-2-ol moiety which is linked to the remainder of the compound of formula (I) by a nitrogen in the ~~azole~~ triazole;

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl;

R² is hydrogen, alkyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, mono- or dialkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl;

R³ is ~~alkylaminoalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, hydrogen, acylalkylaminoalkyl, alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkylcarbonylaminoalkyl, alkylcarbonylalkylaminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkyl, alkoxycarbonylaminoalkyl, optionally substituted phenyl, optionally substituted pyridin-2-yl or substituted pyridin-2-yl optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered cycloalkyl, acylaminoalkyl, alkylaminoalkylacyloxyalkyl or the group (R², R³)N may form an optionally substituted pyrrolidine, pyrrolidone or piperidine; and~~

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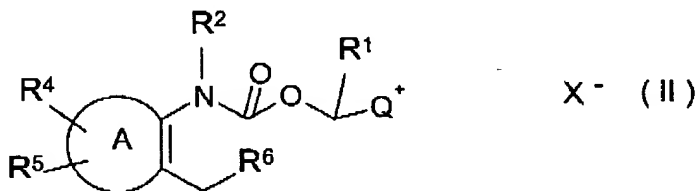
X^- is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion,

wherein


when R^3 is substituted pyridin-2-yl, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarbonyloxyalkyl, sulfo, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl and aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 1 wherein R^3 is ~~alkylaminoalkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl, substituted phenyl, substituted pyridin-2-yl or substituted 5 or 6 membered cycloalkyl.~~

3. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 2 having formula (II),



wherein

~~R^4 , R^5 , Q, and X are as defined in claim 1; group~~  ~~is phenyl or pyridin-2-yl;~~

R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro,

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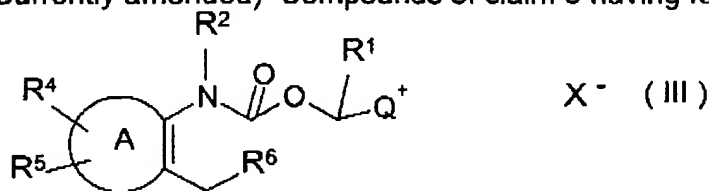
aminosulfonyl, alkylaminocarboxyalkyl, and sulfo when group  is phenyl or pyridin-2-yl and are in addition, alkylcarbonyloxyalkyl or and

aminoalkylcarbonyloxyalkyl when group  is pyridin-2-yl and are in

addition aminoalkylcarbonyl or alkylaminoalkyl when group  is phenyl; and

R⁶ is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino.

4. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 3 having formula (III),



wherein

~~R¹, R², Q, and X are as defined in claim 1;~~

R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, carboxy, alkylloxycarbonyl, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, aminosulfonyl or sulfo; and

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R^6 is hydroxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, amino, alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylalkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonylamino-alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy, aminoalkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylcarbonylalkylamino, acyloxy, acylamino, acylalkylamino; and

group-  is phenyl or pyridin-2-yl.

5. (Original) Compounds of claim 4 wherein R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluormethoxy and nitro.

6. (Original) Compounds of claim 5 wherein R^4 and R^5 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and alkoxy.

7. (Original) Compounds of claim 4 wherein R^4 and R^5 are hydrogen.

8. (Original) Compounds of claim 4 wherein R^6 is alkylamino, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy or aminoalkylcarbonyloxy.

9. (Original) Compounds of claim 8 wherein R^6 is alkylaminoalkylcarbonyloxy.

10. (Canceled)

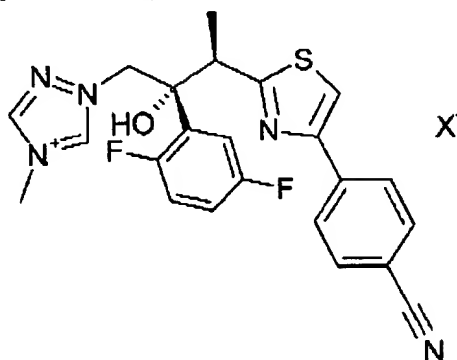
11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Currently amended) Compounds of claim 13 wherein Q is



15. (Original) Compounds of claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl.
16. (Original) Compounds of claim 15 wherein R¹ is methyl.
17. (Original) Compounds of claim 1 wherein R² is hydrogen or alkyl.
18. (Original) Compounds of claim 17 wherein R² is alkyl.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Canceled)
21. (Canceled)
22. (Original) Compounds of claim 1 wherein X is a halogen.
23. (Original) Compounds of claim 22 wherein X is chloro.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)

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26. A compound ~~Compounds of claim 1~~ selected from the group consisting of
~~[[N-methyl-N-2-(acetoxymethyl)phenyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-~~
~~difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium~~
~~chloride;~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(isopropylaminomethyl)phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-~~
~~difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium~~
~~chloride hydrochloride;~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-~~
~~[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-~~
~~[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride dihydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-~~
~~[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-~~
~~[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-ethyl-N-2-(ethylamino)ethyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-~~
~~2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride~~
~~hydrochloride;~~
~~[[N-methyl-N-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-~~
~~3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride;~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-3-(acetoxymethyl)pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-~~
~~difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium~~
~~chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[(N-acetyl-N-methyl)carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-~~
~~3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide;~~
~~[[2(S)-(acetoxymethyl)pyrrolidin-1-yl]carbonyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-~~
~~difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium~~
~~iodide;~~

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~~[[N-methyl-N-2-(acetoxy)ethyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide,~~
~~[[N-methyl-N-3-(acetoxy)propyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide,~~
~~[[N-2-(methyl)phenyl-N-2-(acetoxy)ethyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide,~~
~~1-[[N-2-[(isopropylamino)-methyl]phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-2-[(pentan-3-ylamino)-methyl]phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-[(methylamino)-methyl]phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~[[N-methyl-N-2-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]phenyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~
~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-4,5-difluoro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl 1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

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~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-4-fluoro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,
[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-4,5-dimethoxy-
phenyl]carbamoyloxy]methyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-
cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,
1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-5-fluoro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,
1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-6-methyl-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,
1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-4-chloro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,
1-[[N-(methylamino)acetoxylethyl-N-2,4-difluorophenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-
2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,
1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-5-chloro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-
[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-
[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,
1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-5-nitro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-
1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-
yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

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~~[[5(S)-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-2-pyrrolidon-1-yl]carbonyloxy]methyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide, hydrochloride~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-3-fluoro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-5-cyano-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-3-chloro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-4-cyano-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-5-trifluoromethyl-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(amino)acetoxymethyl-3-chloro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-ethyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-3-chloro-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

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1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(amino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-3-methyl-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride,

1-[[N-ethoxycarbonyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-pivaloyl-N-2-(methylamino)acetoxymethyl-phenyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-(methylamino)acetoxylethyl-N-pivaloyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-(methylamino)acetoxylethyl-N-ethoxycarbonyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)ethyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

1-[[N-methyl-N-3-(methylamino)propyl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,

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~~1-[[3(S)-amino-pyrrolidin-1-yl]carbonyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[2(S)-aminomethyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl]carbonyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride,~~

~~1-[[N-methyl-N-2-(methylamino)-1,2-trans-cyclohexan-1-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium iodide hydrochloride.~~

27. (Currently amended) A compound of claim 26 which is 1-[[N-methyl-N-3-[(methylamino)acetoxymethyl]pyridin-2-yl]carbamoyloxy]ethyl-1-[(2R,3R)-2-(2,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)thiazol-2-yl]butyl]-1H-[1,2,4]triazol-4-ium chloride hydrochloride.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) An pharmaceutical composition for use as an antifungal, comprising a compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.